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SUBJECT: SOVIET MERCHANT MARINE DELEGATION VISITS MOZAMBIQUE

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, A FOUR-MAN SOVIET MERCHANT MARINE DELEGATION, CONSISTING OF KONSTANTIN V. SCHVECHKOV, VICE-PRESIDENT OF "SOVFRACHT"; FNU DJAVAD OF THE MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE; FNU PLUSHNIKOV, VICE-PRESIDENT OF "SOVINFLLOT"; AND FNU BABICHEV, SOVIET MARITIME REP IN DAR ES SALAAM, VISITED MOZAMBIQUE FROM MAY 18 TO MAY 28. DURING THIS TIME THEY

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TOURED THE PORTS OF LOURENCO MARQUES AND BEIRA AND POSSIBLY

NACALA.

2. IN BEIRA, SCHVECHKOV STATED TO LOCAL PRESS THAT HIS GROUP WAS NOTING NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL AID IN PORT TRANSPORT SECTOR AND THAT TALKS WOULD BE HELD ON AID. SCHVECHKOV FURTHER NOTED THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET SHIP IN BEIRA AND REMARKED THAT "IN THE NEAR FUTURE MANY MORE WOULD BE COMING".

3. AT THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROUP ON MAY 28, MTG MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PICOLLO NOTED THAT THE VISIT WAS INFORMAL AND PART OF FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO SEEK AID FROM DEVELOPED SOURCES.

4. COMMENT: IT IS LIKELY THAT ONLY EXPLORATORY TALKS WERE HELD ON ANY SOVIET AID AT THIS STAGE. ONE SOURCE, WHO MET THE SOVIET GROUP, STATED TO A CONGENOFF THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE USSR WOULD TAKE OVER THE JOB OF TRAINING THE NEW MOZAMBIQUE NAVY AFTER INDEPENDENCE. WE ALSO EXPECT MORE PORT VISITS BY SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS, AS PROMISED BY SCHVECHKOV.
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